GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3470
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Appointment on Higher Posts
Vellaigounder Shri Elumalai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has appointed people on higher posts and later on made them safaiwalas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Railways against the erring officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) : No, Madam.

(b) : There were some reports in the media alleging that certain visually impaired persons were recruited for desk job but were later on appointed as safaiwalas, which are factually incorrect. In fact, 23 such persons were erroneously offered letter for the post of Khalasi/Cleaner which was against the laid down guidelines for the recruitment of such persons and as such the same was withdrawn and they were instead offered the appointment as Safaiwala where such persons can be appointed. Khalasi/Cleaner and Safaiwala are both field posts and are in the same Grade Pay of 1800/-.

(c) : Discipline & Appeal Rules action has been taken against the responsible officials who gave erroneous appointments initially.
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